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Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 14 Cancelled

15. (Currently Amended) A flat garment for applying compression to a body part, said garment comprising:

a. a flat central region having inner and outer surfaces, said central region comprising substantially inelastic material, and lateral regions disposed on opposite sides of the central region;

b. a plurality of bands extending from lateral margins disposed at opposite side edges of said opposite lateral regions, wherein the bands extending from the opposite lateral regions are juxtaposed to pass between one another and fasten onto the flat central region of the garment, each of said bands comprising

i. a planar distal region

ii. proximal and distal edges, wherein one or both edges comprise a curve or indentation.

iii. inner and outer surfaces,

iv. a fastener for detachably securing said distal region to a band extending from the opposite lateral region or to the opposite lateral or central region so as to encircle the body part and to draw the first lateral region toward the second longitudinal edge to stretch the central region and thereby provide a tension in the garment that will compress the body part.

16. (Previously Presented) The garment according to claim 15 wherein the central and lateral regions are biased into a three-dimensional curvature in order to fit the body part.

17. (Previously Presented) The garment of claim 16 wherein said opposing bands

extend substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said central region, and said proximal and distal edges are substantially parallel to each other.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20 (Previously Presented) The garment of claim 15 wherein said plurality of bands are spaced-apart from each other and extend from each of said opposite lateral regions, wherein the positions from which adjacent bands extend from a lateral region are spaced apart.

21 (Previously Presented) The garment of claim 15 wherein each of said bands extend from a lateral region at an angle with respect to a longitudinal axis of the central region, and said angle is independently selected for each band.

22. (Previously Presented) The garment of claim 21 wherein
at least one set of opposing bands extends substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said central region, and said proximal and distal edges are substantially parallel to each other; and
at least one set of opposing bands extends at a non-normal angle to the longitudinal axis of the central region, in which the proximal and distal edges are substantially parallel to each other.

23. (Previously Presented) The garment of claim 15 for applying compression to a body part and having a system for measuring compression wherein said outer surface bears indicia printed thereon wherein measurement of a position of at least one of the indicia relative to a reference position on the outer surface provides a measurement of the stretch of the inelastic material.

24. (Previously Presented) The garment of claim 23 further comprising a card having a scale for measuring the separation of the position of the at least one indicia from the reference position and providing the compression level for the pre-measured circumference of the body

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part in order to determine the actual compression provided by the garment and adjusting the compression provided by the garment accordingly.

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